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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application (Divisional) Transmittal
From: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/911,101
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COPY MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM
By: Yoshikazu IKENOUE, Hideo KUMASHIRO and Munehiro NAKATANI
Attorney Docket: 05058/16306

Dear Sir:

This Divisional Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection
with IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COPY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, by
Yoshikazu IKENOUE, Hideo KUMASHIRO and Munehiro NAKATANI, inventors:

Enclosed herewith are the following:

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter and a duplicate copy thereof (containing pertinent
information relating to parent Application Serial No. 08/911,101 and a
breakdown of the amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Specification (45 pages, including 41 claims and an abstract);

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- (3) Formal Drawings from parent Application Serial No. 08/911,101 (23 sheets) (Figs. 1-45); and
- (4) Transmittal of Declaration and Power of Attorney and Statement (2 pages) with attached copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages) and Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney and New Power of Attorney (4 pages) from parent Application Serial No. 08/911,101.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (5) Preliminary Amendment (6 pages);
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (7 pages);
- (7) PTO-1449 Form (3 pages);
- (8) Notice of Change of Inventor Address (2 pages); and
- (9) One Return Receipt Post Card each for the following grouping of items: (1)-(4), (5), and (6)-(7) and (8), above.

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This new application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/084,708, filed February 21, 2002, which is a divisional of co-pending allowed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/911,101 filed August 14, 1997; which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/893,141, filed July 15, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,987,127; which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/327,223, filed October 21, 1994, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,671,277; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/084,408, filed June 29, 1993, abandoned, which claimed priority from Japanese Patent Applications Nos. 4-172617, 4-172621, 4-172659; 4-172672, and 4-172680.

An Assignment from the inventors to MINOLTA CAMERA KABUSHIKI KAISHA, of the earliest parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/084,408 is recorded at **REEL 6606, FRAME 0580**. A Change of Name from MINOLTA CAMERA KABUSHIKI KAISHA to MINOLTA CO., LTD., of the prior parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/911,101 is recorded at **REEL 8942, FRAME 0111**.

All correspondence is to be directed to the address associated with the Customer Number 24367.

Respectfully submitted,

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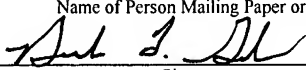
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This is to inform the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, that the second inventor, Hideo Kumashiro's residence and post office addresses have changed to the following:

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TRANSMITTAL OF DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Transmitted herewith for use in this divisional application is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages) from U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/084,408, an ancestor of the present divisional patent application.

The Declaration and Power of Attorney in the ancestor application Serial No. 08/084,408, was filed by Yoshikazu IKENOUE, Hideo KUMASHIRO, and Munehiro NAKATANI, and was to certain attorneys of Willian Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione; however, a Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney and a new Power of Attorney with Certification Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) in the prior Application Serial No. 08/327,223 was filed by the assignee on January 29, 1997, and the new Power is to certain attorneys of SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP, Dallas, Texas. A copy of the Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney and a new Power of Attorney with Certification Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) (4 pages) is submitted herewith. On or about May 3, 2001, the power of attorney was changed to the practitioners associated with Customer No. 24367 and the correspondence address was changed to that associated with Customer No. 24367.

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